RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Govern-met*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were told that, since Mannuparrmbu is only 7 miles from Perumbavur and 5 from Muvattupuzha, where there are well-equipped departmental medical institutions, Government did not consider it necessary to open a new dispensary at the place.

Promotions of clerks in the Excise Department as Sub-Inspectors.

182. ✻**MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*); Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of those clerks in the Excise Department who were declared unfit to hold Sub-Inspectors' posts by Mr. Van Ross while he was the Excise Commissioner;

(*b*) whether any of them was promoted to the post of Sub-Inspector since the present Commissioner took charge;

(*c*) if so, their names and the grade to which they were promoted; and

(*d*) whether Government sanction had been obtained before doing so?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) 1. A. Thanu Aiyar
2. M. Velayudha Panickar
3. E. Gomez.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) N. Velayudha Panickar was promoted as acting 3rd Grade Sub-Inspector.

(*d*) Government sanction is not necessary.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know what is the principle involved in promoting an officer who has been declared incompetent by a former Head of the Department?

PRESIDENT: You cannot question the discretion of the officer who promotes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether there are any departmental rules in regard to the principle of recruitment as well as promotions in the Excise Department?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): There is no particular principle for the Excise Department alone. It is common for all the public service.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know under what circumstances the gentlemen, whose names the Excise Commissioner just now gave, were declared as inefficient for recruitment as Inspectors by Mr. Van Ross?

PRESIDENT: We connot enter into the details of disqualification which one officer might have remarked about a subordinate. It does not improve the position in any case nor does it add to the knowledge

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of the House. For some reason A considers a gentleman as unfit, and for some other reason B considers him fit. You cannot enter into an absolute analysis of the reason for all these.

Appointment of Excise peons and Petty Officers.

153. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether all the applicants for the posts of peons and petty officers in the Excise Department, who have passed the departmental tests for the same, have been provided for ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the names of such applicants as have not yet been appointed, with the dates of their passing the departmental test examination ; and

(*c*) whether applicants, who have not passed the above tests, have been apponited from 1-1-1108 to 1-3-1109, and, if so, the names of the persons so appointed, with the reasons for preferring them to qualified applicants coming under part (*b*) ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

(*c*) Yes. A *statement showing the applicants so appointed is placed on the table. It may be seen from the answer to part (*a*) above that these persons were not appointed in preference to qualified applicants who have passed the departmental tests.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് ടെസ്റ്റ് പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ള അധ്യക്ഷതർ ആരെങ്കിലും അപേക്ഷകന്മാരായി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): പെറിഅഫീസർ ജോലിക്ക് ഒരാൾ അധ്യക്ഷതരിൽനിന്നും അപേക്ഷകനായി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ആ ആളിന് ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുക്കാതെ പരീക്ഷ പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ള വേറെ ആരെങ്കിലും ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): അടുത്ത കാലത്താണു ആ അപേക്ഷ വന്നതെന്നു്. വേറെ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത ഒന്നും ഇല്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു് എക്സ്റ്റെപ്ഷന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്ക് എഴുതി അയച്ചു് അനുവാദം വരുത്തിവച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഇനി ഒഴിവു വരുന്ന സമയം ആ അപേക്ഷകന്റെ കാര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു.

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* *Vide* Appendix

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